

100 Black Men of Valdosta feed the community

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VALDOSTA – The 100 Black Men of Valdosta made sure the people of Valdosta had a meal Saturday morning.

The group gave out a large number of box meals to the community at the Salvation Army headquarters on Troup Street. Nathaniel Haugabrook, 100 Black Men of Valdosta president, said the Thanksgiving Food Fest is set the Saturday before Thanksgiving so it won't be a burden on families during the holiday.

"We do it the Saturday before Thanksgiving so our guys can spend Thanksgiving with their own families," Haugabrook said. "When we initially started, we did it Thanksgiving morning, but it's such a strain for some of the guys that have family out of town, so we started on the Saturday before Thanksgiving."

Haugabrook estimated distributing between 1,200-1,500 meals.

"We started cooking yesterday (Friday) around lunchtime," Haugabrook said. "We have 50 turkeys, 40 pans of dressing and gravy, 40 pans of green beans, 40 pans of corn, dessert and drinks. It's just something we do every year as a way to give back to the community."

The 100 Black Men of Valdosta has benefited from volunteers to ensure the event's success.

"Most people will just call to my office and volunteer and make donations," Haugabrook said. "In fact, I got a couple of donations this morning. Most people will want to donate money or assist. Most everybody on the serving line are volunteers."

To donate to the 100 Black Men of Valdosta, contact Haugabrook, (229) 247-4617.

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Nathaniel Haugabrook, president of the 100 Black Men of Valdosta, supervises while volunteer Willie Scott removes a pan of food from a grill Saturday. The organization distributed an estimated 1,200-1,500 meals for Thanksgiving.